CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

A silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material comprising a support having thereon a photosensitive layer and a polymer layer,

wherein the polymer layer is provided as a back coating layer on a side of the support opposite the photosensitive layer and the polymer layer comprises a cellulose ester and a copolymer of:

a fluorine containing acrylate or a fluorine containing methacrylate represented by Formula (1):

Formula (1)

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{1} \\
CH_{2} = C \\
C = O \\
O - (R^{2}) - (CF_{2})nX
\end{array}$$

wherein, R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom or a methyl group; R2 represents a methylene group, an ethylene group or a 2-hydrokypropylene group; X represents a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom; and n represents an integer of 1 to 4; and

(ii) a monomer having a hydrophobic group in the molecule; and wherein the copolymer is produced by a pearl polymerization method.

Claim 2 (Original)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 1,

wherein an amount of fluorine contained in the copolymer is not less than 4 mmol/m2.

Claim 3 (Original)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 1,

wherein an amount of the copolymer in the polymer layer is 0.1 to 15% based on the total weight of the polymer layer.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Original)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 1,

wherein the monomer having a hydrophobic group in the molecule is represented by Formula (2):

Formula (2)

wherein, R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; and Y represents an alkyl group, an cyclic alkyl group or an aromatic group.

Claim 7 (Original)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 1,

wherein the copolymer further comprises a monomer having an epoxy group.

Claim 8 (Currently amended)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 5 <u>1</u>,

wherein the copolymer contains at least 20 mol % of a monomer represented by Formula (1).

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Original)

The silver salt photothermographic dry imaging material of claim 1, comprising further an electrically-conductive layer containing a polyester copolymer and a tin oxide compound.